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1. EMBASSY DESIGNATES POL/MIL OFFICER, FIRST SECRETARY
DON J. DONCHI AS CEP ACTION OFFICER.

2. EMBASSY WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE REPORTS AND CONTACTS
IN NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE
HERE TO ADVANCE US CEP OBJECTIVES. WE DO, HOWEVER,
WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO AND ENDORSE SUGGESTION
MADE IN PARA 4 OF THE HAGUE'S 0581 WHICH URGES THAT
PRIMARY US CEP EFFORT BE CONDUCTED AT NATO HQ. THIS WE
THINK IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY WHERE COORDINATION AND
PROPER ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN HOST GOVERN-
MENT IS CALLED FOR. THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN CEP. THE COORDINATION
OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL EFFORT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH
AN AGREED COORDINATING BODY SUCH AS THE SCEPC. WE KNOW
FROM EXPERIENCE HERE THAT WHERE SPECIFIC WORK TASKS ARE
ASSIGNED, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING INTERAGENCY

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COORDINATION WITHIN NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, THE ASSIGNMENTS

WILL RECEIVE HIGHER PRIORITY IF THEY ARE LEVIED AS PART OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGREED DEPARTMENTAL WORK RESPONSIBILITY, AS WOULD BE THE CASE IN AN ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE SCEPC, THAN IF THEY ARE LEVIED AS AN ADD ON REQUEST MADE BY THE EMBASSY. REFERRING AS AN EXAMPLE TO USNATO 0549, PARA 3, WHICH REQUESTS A REVIEW AND REPORT ON NORWEGIAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER NATIONAL CIVILIAN AIRLINES AND TO THE USE OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT AND AIRPORT FACILITIES FOR MILITARY SUPPORT, WE BELIEVE WE WILL OBTAIN HIGHER PRIORITY AND A BETTER END PRODUCT IF THAT TASK IS ASSIGNED TO NORWAY'S SCEPC REPRESENTATIVE AS PART OF HIS REGULAR SCEPC WORK THAN IF THE EMBASSY SEEKS TO WORK IT OUT ON AN AD HOC BASIS WITH THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. HAVING VOICED THIS RESERVATION, THE EMBASSY NONETHELESS IS FULLY PREPARED TO DISCHARGE ITS REPORTING AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD.
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